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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. MILLER introduced a new Chinese immigration bill, with a ten years' limit, in the Senate, April 8th. After some discussion the vetoed Chinese bill was taken up. Mr. Bayard announced that he had introduced a bill to investigate the manner of passing on these claims in the department, which custom, he had evidence, favored of blackmail. A discussion followed in which Messrs. Reed and Cox had a tilt. The bill finally passed with little change.

The bill appropriating \$50,000 for the immediate relief of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians passed the Senate on the 6th. The bill to fix a day for the meeting of electors for President and Vice President, and to provide for and regulate the counting of the votes for President and Vice President, and the decision of questions arising thereon, was further discussed and passed by a viva voce vote. The Indian Territory railroad bill was made unfinished business, and the Senate, after executive session, adjourned till the 10th. In the House bills passed appropriating \$30,000 for the purchase of seed for the sufferers from the overflow of the Mississippi, and \$150,000 to continue the work on the Washington monument. The tariff commission bill was discussed and three Chinese immigration measures were introduced. A motion to adjourn over until Monday was voted down.

The bill relieving from the charge of desertion soldiers in the volunteer service during the late war on proof that they served faithfully until the expiration of their term of enlistment, or until the 1st of May, 1885, but who failed to be mustered out and receive and honorable discharge, passed the House of Representatives on the 7th. Mr. Washburn, of Minnesota, submitted a conference report on the bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River within five miles of St. Charles, Mo. Agreed to. Mr. Haskell, of Kansas, advocated passage of the tariff commission bill, and when he had concluded his speech the House took a recess. The evening session was for the consideration of pension bills.

In the House of Representatives, April 8, Mr. Frost, of Missouri, announced the death of his colleague, Thomas Allen. He offered a resolution of regret and for the appointment of a committee of seven Representatives and three Senators to take order for superintending the funeral ceremonies, which was unanimously adopted. The Speaker announced the following committee to attend the remains of the deceased to Pittsfield, Mass.: Messrs. Hatch, Frost, Robinson, of Massachusetts, Gunter, Chambers, Mills and Aldrich. The House then, out of respect to the memory of deceased, adjourned.

The bill amending the anti-polygamy law, fixing the salaries of the Election Commissioners under the law at \$5,000 per annum, in accordance with the recent recommendation of the President, passed the Senate on the 10th; also, the bill reported by Mr. Davis (W. Va.), to repeal, except as stated, all laws providing for permanent or indefinite appropriations. The death of Representative Allen was announced, and as a mark of respect for the deceased the Senate adjourned. In the House, Mr. Thompson submitted the majority report of the Committee on Elections in the contested case of Mackey vs. O'Connor, from South Carolina, declaring the contestant Mackey entitled to the seat. Mr. Richardson introduced a concurrent resolution directing the House and Senate Committees on Public Buildings to inquire into the advisability and cost of purchasing a suitable site for a residence for the President of the United States. Referred.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

MOORE leaders, including Joseph Taylor and Joseph Smith, have placed their wives in separate houses, to avoid arrest under the clause of the anti-polygamy law which makes cohabitation with more than one woman a misdemeanor.

MR. ELMORE, Peruvian Minister, in communicating the news that the ex-Dictator Pierok had left Peru, says: "The whole of Peru is now firmly united, in spite of persistent efforts of Pierok and the Chilians to destroy constitutional order. This is a legacy which the lamented General Hurlbut has left Peru, as the greatest triumph of his heroic life, and while the Peruvian people exist united and are in enjoyment of Republican institutions they will ever remember and venerate the name of Hurlbut, United States Minister and statesman, to whose memory national gratitude will soon raise a fitting monument."

CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS, of the Peruvian investigating committee, the other day, read a letter from the late Minister Hurlbut, stating that he would sail April 6, and that the United States had a bad reputation in Lima. Shipperd read a postscript to his letter of May 20, in which he announced that his clients had reconsidered their intention of offering General Grant the presidency of the company. He then expressed the opinion that Minister Hurlbut had obstructed and frustrated his purposes, and was seconded by his chief, the late Secretary of State.

THE President has nominated Henry M. Teller, of Colorado, Secretary of the Interior; Wm. E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, Secretary of the Navy; Wm. H. Hunt, of Louisiana, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Russia; Roland Worthington, Collector of Customs, Boston; Adm. B. Underwood, Surveyor of Customs, Boston; Daniel Hall, Naval Officer of Customs, Boston; John J. Knox, Minnesota, Comptroller of the Currency.

THE nomination of Mr. Teller as Secretary of the Interior was confirmed on the 6th.

THE Republicans of Rhode Island gave Governor Littlefield a majority of 4,833. REV. L. HAMILTON, pastor of the Independent Church, at Oakland, Cal., died in the pulpit, April 9. During his discourse he suddenly paused, and sinking down, expired almost instantly. He was well known on the Pacific coast.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

THE steamer Bella Mae, one of the best tow boats on the upper Mississippi, was demolished by the explosion of her

boiler, near Brownsville, Minn., April 7. She had a crew of seventeen men, and not one among the entire number escaped without injury, while six were killed outright. How the accident happened is mere conjecture, for among the survivors who were rescued by the citizens of Brownsville, and who were afterward carried to La Crosse by the steamer Toll, which had been sent to the scene, not one could give any positive statement, further than that there was a sudden explosion, subsequent horrors of burned and scalded victims, cries of those who were hurled overboard for help from the waters, and the scenes always incident to such disasters. Frank McIntyre, Swift Bell, John Nolan, W. McCaughish, Charles Martin and George McCaughish were killed, and ten or twelve persons were burned and bruised.

A storm at Highland, Mich., caused the death of Mrs. Henry Taylor and Mr. Crandall. A number of persons were injured and much property was destroyed.

A PARTY of lynchers recently pressed a steamer into service at Raymond City, W. Va., and proceed to Winfield, where they took Joseph Smith colored, from jail and hanged him to a tree. The charge against Smith was assault upon a white woman. He made a confession.

THOMAS FISHBURN, aged 45, a prosperous farmer of Eaton, Preble County, Ohio, recently clubbed his wife to death, fled from the house to a wheat-field, and cut his wrists and throat with a pocket-knife. Jealousy drove him mad. He imagined that his wife was trying to get possession of the farm, and that she thought more of the children than she did of him.

A TRAGEDY marked by unusual ferocity and brutality was enacted at Hopkinton, Mass., the other morning. Patrick Kelly murdered his son, literally chopping his head from his body. The family were at breakfast, when the father left the table and went out into the yard, returning in a few minutes with an ax in his hand. His 16-year-old son was sitting with his back toward the door. As Kelly entered he lifted the ax and, without a word of warning, brought it down with full force upon his son's head. The blow was a glancing one and the ax was blunt, so the head was not split, but the boy fell over dead. The monster, not satisfied with this, proceeded to strike at the boy's neck, until he had severed his head from the body and sent it rolling across the floor. The murderer was arrested before he had gone a square.

GEORGE STARK, colored, has been arrested in Detroit, Mich., for beating his thirteen-year-old son to death.

JACOB LESTER, aged 20, was drowned while bathing in a pond near Atlanta, Ga., on the 9th. He had been sick for some time, and is supposed to have been seized with cramps. His body was recovered.

THE body of an elegantly dressed young man was found lying dead in the road near Denver, Colo., recently. A revolver lying by his side, and a bullet hole just below the right ear, indicated either murder or suicide. The hat of the victim, almost filled with blood, was found a quarter of a mile further up the road. Investigation showed that the body was that of Walter Lincoln, the runaway son of wealthy parents in Boston. He was penniless, and had eaten nothing for three days. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of probable suicide.

JOSEPH MATTOX, aged 18, was arrested in Chicago, April 9, for cutting his sister's throat. The girl, Bridget, aged 16, had been sent on an errand, and not returning soon enough, her brother was sent to find her. They quarreled on the sidewalk near the house, when Joe suddenly drew a knife and cut her throat from ear to ear. The prisoner is a butcher, who works in a packing house. The girl's condition is believed to be critical.

PETER MILLER, a printer employed in Kellogg's Publishing House, Cleveland, O., fatally shot himself, April 9th. Insanity is the supposed cause. He had some money, and imagined that somebody was trying to rob him of it.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SOME months ago a package containing \$8,000 was lost at Grayling, Mich., while in charge of the express company. A few days ago U. D. Price, a poor railroad laborer, bought a house and branched out in other directions so as to excite suspicion. Detectives visited the house and found under a cupboard almost \$8,000. Upon being confronted with these facts Price owned up and said he noticed the package accidentally drop while being transferred at the station. He kicked it under the platform and afterward secured it. He says he burned nine \$100 bills, for fear they might lead to his detection.

ST. XAVIER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, one of the largest and finest in Cincinnati, was totally destroyed by fire the other day.

AN express messenger on a Fort Wayne train recently heard strange noises from a large box billed to Philadelphia. When he pried off the top, and stepped an old man named Jerry McAuley, who had been shipped from Chicago in the most economical manner. The express matter remains in the hands of the officials at Delphos, O.

THE House Committee have agreed to insert in the river and harbor bill an appropriation of \$4,723,000 for improvement of the Mississippi River from the head of the passes to the mouth of the Illinois. Of this sum, \$4,123,000 is to be expended for improvements below Cairo, and \$600,000 between Cairo and the Illinois River. The whole appropriation is to be expended by the Secretary of War, in accordance with the plans, specifications and estimates of the Mississippi River Commission.

THE graves of Confederate dead were decorated at New Orleans on the 5th. The Grand Army of the Republic participated in the ceremony.

CAP FORD, a brother of the slayer of Jesse James, has been arrested for complicity in the murder of Wood Hite, who was killed at his house.

A TRAIN on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad was boarded by six robbers, near Cleburne, Texas, the other night. Ordering all hands up the thieves walked through the coach, one of them holding a pillow-clip open and telling the passengers to drop something in for the missionary fund, and they all contributed liberally. The conductor dropped in just after the collection, but immediately started back for the express car. As the door closed behind him one of the robbers shot at him, but missed. The train started up at this juncture, and one of the men crying "Jump off, boys," they rushed to the platform and disappeared. The amount of money they got is variously estimated, but the most reliable report says it was over \$1,000. The Sheriff of Johnson County, with a large posse and a pack of bloodhounds, started in pursuit.

CAPTAIN MCINTYRE, Mate Bondurant, Second-mate Hill and the colored captain of the watch, Wash Smith, have been indicted for "involuntary manslaughter in being the cause of the burning of the steamer Golden City."

JAMES FISK and George M. Irwin, having in their possession \$100,000 worth of new bonds of the city of St. Joseph, Mo., were arrested in New York City, April 8, while trying to sell them at sixty cents on the dollar. The securities, numbered 901 to 1,000 inclusive, mysteriously disappeared from the Register's safe.

In Philadelphia, Pa., the other day, three sisters died suddenly within half an hour. Two of the women, Sarah Watson, a widow aged 52, and Mrs. Cynthia Winsmore, aged 58, resided at 329 Wharfen street, and the third, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, at 1335 South Fourth street. About 10 o'clock at night Mrs. Winsmore, hearing a noise in her sister's room, entered and found Mrs. Watson in a dying condition. Medical assistance was promptly summoned, and Mrs. Smith was also sent for. Mrs. Watson expired in a few minutes. Almost immediately Mrs. Winsmore fell to the floor unconscious, and in ten minutes she died. Ten minutes later Mrs. Smith, the third sister, was a corpse.

TEN persons were attacked with trichina at Bridesburg, Pa., April 9th. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz and four children were not expected to recover. Members of two other families to whom diseased ham was given were also attacked.

A PARTY of 400 Italians at work on the West Shore Railway at Fort Plain, N. Y., stoned and fired the residence of the contractor because they were not paid their wages.

THE charge is brought against the Commissioner of the General Land Office that a company of sportsmen has been given at its own price a tract of five thousand acres of swamp land lying on Lake Erie, twelve miles outside of Toledo, notwithstanding the efforts of settlers in the vicinity to bid of a portion at market prices. Property worth \$30 per acre went off at \$1.25 through collusion at Washington.

JUDGE WYLIE has decided the star-route indictments good and sufficient, the evidence presented being strong enough to warrant the prosecution of the defendants. The recognition of Stephen W. Dorsey was declared forfeited and his arrest ordered.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

THE bill restoring Captain Corbin, of the Navy, to the active list passed the Senate, April 11. In the House the bill passed appropriating \$80,000 to make good a deficiency in the Indian fund. The post-office bill was considered in committee.

In New York City, the other day, Francis A. Fogg began an action against Clinton B. Fisk to recover \$89,738.50, alleged to have been lost in mining speculations in which plaintiff was induced to take part through alleged false and fraudulent representation. Fisk, who was a General in the army, is a prominent member of the Methodist Church, founder of Fisk University, Tennessee, and generally regarded as a man of irreproachable character, pronounces the charges false in every particular, and the attack upon him most malicious and wicked.

REV. GEO. H. AUSTIN, of Marion, Ind., pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery, April 10, and was sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$10. The forgery was a note for \$250, and was committed in February last.

G. W. GRAY, a student of the Sam Houston Normal School at Huntsville, Texas, shot and wounded M. J. Jordan, another student, the other day. The trouble originated in sending a comic valentine in February last.

THE bill of exceptions taken in the case of Charles J. Guiteau and signed by Judge Cox has been printed, and makes a pamphlet of thirty-nine pages. There are thirty-two exceptions as to matters occurring up to the time when the case was given to the jury, and exceptions also to the rulings of the Court denying a new trial and overruling the motion in arrest of judgment.

The fire which destroyed the works of the Powell Tool Company, at Cleveland, Ohio, the other day, is attributed to incendiaries. Fifty employees from the establishment struck several weeks ago, and since then riots and threatenings have been of frequent occurrence. The non-union men who were employed in place of the strikers have been assaulted and shot at, and several injured.

ANTONIO BARRERO, a well-to-do Mexican, living near Eagle Pass, Texas, shot his wife through the breast, mortally wounding her, April 10, and blew out his brains, leaving six little orphans. No cause given.

A HONG KONG silk house has just been exposed in a half million fraud.

PARNELL has been released from Kilmalham and has gone to England on parole.

THE Central Bank of Indianapolis, with a capital stock of \$100,000, has closed its doors, on account of a defalcation of \$65,000 by a teller named Arthur Mueller. The deposits aggregate \$105,000.

SOUTHERN GLEANINGS.

Several years ago, in Pickens County, Georgia, a beautiful young woman, Mrs. Kate Southern, killed a young girl who danced with her husband, who, previous to marriage, had been a lover of the offending party. She had pleaded with her husband not to dance with the former rival, and then left the room. On returning she saw them on the floor, having taken their places in a quadrille. Stepping outside for a moment, she returned, walked up to the girl, brandishing a knife and exclaiming, "Well, you've danced enough," plunged the blade into her breast. The victim fell to the floor and died. Southern and his wife escaped, but she was afterward arrested, tried and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary. The tragedy created great excitement throughout the State, and detailed accounts were printed by the press generally. A few days ago Mrs. Southern was pardoned by Gov. Colquitt.

An immense cave has been discovered in a mountain near Brownwood, Texas. It is very small at the opening, barely large enough for a man to crawl in, but after going ten feet a person can easily walk about. It is one hundred feet long, seventy-five feet wide, and twenty-five feet to the top, which is covered with stalactites. On one side is a stream of clear running water, about ten feet wide, and two feet deep, but it contains no fish. This stream has no exit from the cave, but disappears at one end into the ground, and it is believed to have a subterranean course, and to empty into the Colorado River. All features connected with the cave are to be thoroughly investigated.

There was an interesting and enthusiastic meeting at the Jewish Temple, in Louisville, Ky., a few days ago, participated in by the members of all the Jewish congregations in the city. The object was to effect a permanent organization for the relief of the Israelite refugees now flocking to American shores, driven by the atrocities of the Russians. For several months past desultory wanderers have been arriving, and have been cared for by a few of the Israelite citizens, and from the small beginning of personal sympathy there bids fair to grow a powerful and compact organization that will work substantial benefits by its philanthropy. A permanent organization was formed, with the following named officers: President, N. Bloom; Vice-presidents, S. Ullman and S. Henle; treasurer, N. Hoffheimer; secretary, Rev. E. Meyers.

WALTER ROUNDTREE, a university student at Athens, Ga., was fatally shot by Frank Johnson and Enoch Echols, colored, a few days ago, and the town was thrown into the wildest excitement. The streets were filled with armed negroes, and the Mayor detailed fifty citizens to guard the jail. A conflict between the students and friends of the colored men was expected and some arrests were made. A coroner's jury charged Johnson with deliberate and premeditated murder, and Echols with abetting it.

During a thunder-storm a few nights since, lightning struck a poplar tree near Owensboro, Ky., and not a vestige of it was left, but the splinters were scattered a distance of two hundred yards.

From 1851 to 1860 the Southern States (including Maryland, Delaware, Missouri and West Virginia) patented but 2,244 inventions, whereas from 1871 to 1880 they patented 14,440. It is said that "necessity is the mother of invention," and it is undeniable that "necessity" has been conspicuously abroad in the South since 1871.

Mainly through the efforts of Col. John C. Calhoun, a son of the famous statesman of that name, a stock company is going into cotton culture extensively in Chicot County, Arkansas. The capital is provided by New England men, and amounts to \$1,000,000. Plantations aggregating 32,000 acres have been purchased along the route of a projected railroad, and bordering the Mississippi River. Negro labor will be employed at day's wages in cash, and the best machinery will be put in.

A steamboat fitted with machinery for grinding and compressing tan-bark, is a new venture on the Tennessee River. The bark is taken on board, ground, compressed and packed in kegs or half-barrels, and in that shape shipped to Europe. Bark is now brought to market in bulk and handled at great expense, and can not be shipped to Europe at all.

The Governor of South Carolina has ordered the Attorney-General of the State to defend the election conspirators in the federal courts.

In the overflooded portion of Arkansas cattle are still dying of hunger and being tortured by gnats. Buzzards can be seen by thousands, having grown so tame that they scarcely fly out of the way of boats.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad the plan for consolidation with the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad was favored, and the stockholders have been called to meet in June to confirm the proposed consolidation.

The bones of a woman and baby have just been found in an old shaft near Villa Rica, Ga. They are supposed to be those of a young lady who, seventeen years ago, having committed a social indiscretion, disappeared and was never after heard from.

The Louisville (Ky.) Council offers \$1,000,000 to secure the removal of the State capital from Frankfort.

There are over half a million acres of land in Fulton County, Georgia, the county in which Atlanta is situated, valued at only 8 cents an acre.

The Volksfest Association, of Houston, Texas, offer an \$850 prize for a military drill on May 4, and desire Companies E and A of St. Louis, Mayor's Guard, Chickasaws, of Memphis, and Quapaws, of Little Rock, to compete.

Genuine white-bellied and boneless shad in the greatest abundance are in the Selma market, caught in the Alabama River. The rivers are falling.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

—The Baptist ministerial army in the United States numbers 16,514, beside the licentiatees.

—The Cincinnati Industrial Exposition of 1880 cleared \$11,624.46. The Exposition of 1881 lost \$10,922.24.

—The large manufactories of heavy gloves at Johnstown, Fulton County, N. Y., have had scarcely any call for their goods this season, owing to the warm weather.

—There were 1,736 races run during the season of 1881, and the amount of money that changed hands was \$987,284, of which \$811,935 was won in the United States.

—A lead pencil should never be wet. It hardens the lead and ruins the pencil. This fact is known to newspaper men and stenographers. But nearly every one else does wet a pencil before using it.

—The long-sought for specific against hydrophobia, it is said, has been discovered in Cambodia in the shape of the bark of a tree, the effect of which is very similar to that of strychnine.—*Indianapolis Sentinel.*

—Jay Gould's total wealth is estimated at over \$60,000,000, of which \$40,000,000 is invested in railroad and telegraph stocks, and \$20,000,000 in bonds. He and Vanderbilt could by-and-by afford to "pool their issues," and pay off the National debt.—*N. Y. Sun.*

—The Alder gulch, in Montana, has been steadily producing placer gold for twenty years, and is now worked out as high as water can be carried on its sides. The amount of gold taken out is estimated at over \$30,000,000. More than a dozen gold-bearing quartz claims are now being worked at the head of the gulch.—*Chicago Times.*

—The great activity in business circles is made manifest by the fact that the outward-bound mails from New York City are unprecedentedly large. Recently 391,000 letters and circulars, and 1,219,000 newspapers and circulars were dispatched from that city, necessitating 152 wagon-trips from the post-office to the railroad depots.—*Chicago Journal.*

—The Astors pay taxes in New York on \$11,500,000 worth of property; W. H. Vanderbilt on \$3,250,000; A. T. Stewart's widow on \$5,250,000; Amos R. Eno, \$4,000,000; J. G. Bennett, \$1,200,000, and so on. The bulk of their wealth, however, consists of securities, which are not included in the personal estate taxable in New York.

—If the growth of cities be a criterion of prosperity, Italy is advancing rapidly. The new census returns show that Naples has a population of 489,334, an increase of 40,000 since 1871; Milan, 321,000; Rome, 300,292; Palermo, 244,955; Genoa, 179,491; Florence, 168,000; Venice, 130,698; Bologna, 122,884; Messina, 120,000; Catania, 101,000; Leghorn, 97,615; Ferrara, 77,008; Padua, 72,174; Verona, 67,741; Lucca, 68,116; Alessandria, 62,634; Brescia, 60,630; Bari, 60,576; Ravenna, 60,306.

WIT AND WISDOM.

—Immodest words admit of no defense. For want of decency is want of sense.

—*Earl of Rosemonden.*

—Nothing makes so much noise as a rickety wagon with nothing in it, unless it be a man who insists on talking when he has nothing to say.—*N. Y. Herald.*

—Eli Perkins cut open a Florida alligator and found pine knots in its stomach. That's nothing. An alligator is not obliged to make a diet off of rocks and gravel-banks all the year round.—*Detroit Free Press.*

—An oriental traveler says: "I have seen a heavy man fired several yards into a dense crowd by the kick of a camel, and picked up insensible." The American mule used to go to school to the camel.—*Courier-Journal.*

—The meanest man on record sent through a post-office presided over by a woman, a postal-card or which was written: "Dear Jack: Here's the details of that scandal." And then the rest was in Greek.—*Boston Post.*

—A Philadelphia editor bears the name of Comet. He should have no difficulty in providing a tale for his paper, but it is hoped he will not get out of his orbit, and pitch into the Sun or the World.—*Norristown Herald.*

—A lazy young man complained that he was overworked in his business, to which the father replied: "I suspect, George, that overwork is not your trouble, but that it is that you need working over."—*Home Treasure.*

—Old Mrs. Skittleworth don't know why people will make counterfeit money. She says she "tried to pass a bad half dollar a dozen times the other day, but nobody would have it," and she thinks it a waste of time to make such stuff.

—A Philadelphia man told a postmaster from a rural village that his post-office clerk was "no gentleman," and the postmaster got as mad as a hornet and came very near getting himself arrested for assault and battery before he reflected that his clerk was a lady.

—"My brodders," said a waggish colored man to a crowd, "in all affliction, in all ob your troubles dar is one place you can always find sympathy." "What? What?" shouted several. "In de dictionary," he replied, rolling his eyes skyward.—*N. Y. Independent.*

—A leading citizen of Dallas, one of the most intelligent property owners in the town, was reading a newspaper in the Texas Siftings office, when he came across the paragraph: "The admission of Dakota is a foregone conclusion at Washington," whereupon he said: "I can't keep up with the run of the Washington scandals, there are so many of them. What did Dakota admit?"—*Texas Siftings.*